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FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON DRUG ABUSE

1. I AM BRINGING TO YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT HIGHLIGHTING THE PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN BY HIS ADMINISTRATION TO THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE AND CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO HALT THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS. THIS MESSAGE WAS PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1977 AT THE 27TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS BY DR. PETER BOURNE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. THE TEXT FOLLOWS: QTE: DRUG ABUSE IS A MAJOR THREAT TO MANKIND THAT RESPECTS NO NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. AS I  
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BEGIN MY ADMINISTRATION I RECOGNIZE THAT DRUG ABUSE, LIKE SO MANY OTHER PROBLEMS THAT FACE US, IS GLOBAL IN NATURE AND CAN BE SOLVED ONLY THROUGH CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. DRUG ADDICTION IS THE CAUSE OF UNTOLD HUMAN SUFFERING AFFECTING BOTH THE RICH AND POOR. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US, HOWEVER, IS THE RECENT DRAMATIC INCREASE IN ADDICTION AND ITS DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTIVE ON THE LIMITED

HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF MANY OF THE LESS AFFLUENT NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

WE MUST COMBINE DEEP COMPASSION FOR THE VICTIMS OF ADDICTION WITH A VIGOROUS ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE THE WORLD SUPPLY OF ILLICIT DRUGS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. TOWARD THAT END, I AM MAKING THE CURTAILMENT OF DRUG ABUSE A HIGH PRIORITY IN MY ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE DESIGNATED A HIGHLY COMPETENT STAFF IN THE WHITE HOUSE TO GIVE THIS PROBLEM SPECIAL ATTENTION. I INTEND TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM AND WILL MONITOR ITS PROGRESS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WORKING TOGETHER IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WE WILL ACHIEVE SUCCESS. I ASK YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOR. UNQTE.

3. IN TURN, I ASK THAT EACH OF YOU, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT SUPPLIER OR TRANSIT NATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, BRING THIS MESSAGE TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, STRESSING THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL FOR CLOSER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THIS PROBLEM.

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